

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows (underlined denotes replacements additions and strikethrough/double brackets notes deletions):

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method for facilitating web service component access is described. A One Logical View to Broker (OLVB) Application Program Interface (API) is established for an application (402) in order to reduce the complexity of the application interface and subsequently increase the portability of the application-(402). Network service broker ~~Service Broker~~ related parameters (204,304) allows allow the solicitation of the best match network service broker ~~Network Service Broker~~ or web service component, while hiding the selection detail from the application-(402). Real-time business relationships between service provisioning infrastructure ~~Service Provisioning Infrastructure~~ (208)-and network service brokers ~~Network Service Brokers~~ (212, 232, 238)-is facilitated by using a a matchmaking function (416)-within a lookup function-(414).